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House. There is no need for any special mention about this. If you will kindly recollect our discussions at the time of framing the rules, you will see that this point was raised and discussed. The Rules Committee felt that the members should have the right to move a separate resolution even when the Speaker ruled that there was no *prima facie* case of breach of privilege. That is why, I submit, Sir, that it will be better that this House does not take any decision now with regard to the procedure. If procedure is to be defined, I would submit that it could be referred to the Rules Committee, and after proper discussion, we can consider it.

MR. SPEAKER : I have no objection.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, it is not as the Leader of a party, but as the Leader of the House, I made the suggestion. It is open to members to accept it or reject it. It is only a question of creating conventions, and I thought it would be good to make the suggestion. It is not merely as the Leader of the Congress Party, but as the Leader of the entire House I made the suggestion. I think any Leader of the House should function in a responsible manner, particularly when the Hon. Speaker has given a ruling taking into account all aspects and has advised the members. That is the only suggestion I made. It is not as if anybody should be bound by my advice.

MR. SPEAKER : Before the House I have given my ruling. It is only when the hon. Member Sri Lazar asked whether a motion could be moved, I said, according to our rules, he would be entirely right in moving it. Not that he is going to do it. If it is a question of delegating power to the Speaker as in the case of the Lok Sabha, I think I will have to bring it before the Rules Committee. This is a matter which will come up later. I leave the matter entirely to the House. For the present I have given my ruling that a *prima facie* case is not made out. It is open to the House to do as it likes.

III.—STATEMENT BY THE HON. THE FINANCE MINISTER.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The answer given by me on 3rd March 1959 in reply to a supplementary question by Sri A. Govindasamy on starred question No. 523, relating to the contribution made in 1954 and 1955 by the Government to the 'Common Good Fund' of the Tamilnad Non-Gazetted Government Officers' Union is found to require correction. The correct answer is given in the statement [a] placed on the table of the House.

I am sorry for the mistake. The mistake arose because some relief was given by the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association to some of the bereaved families. But, for that the Government have not contributed anything.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 265 infra.